

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2360 without my signature because current law already provides who can and who cannot purchase and operate ultrasound diagnostic imaging machines. AB 2360 adds the restriction in another code section, thus causing unneeded confusion and expense to state agencies responsible for enforcement. This bill does not make consumers any safer than they are today.

Minimizing unnecessary exposure to ultrasound and reducing the improper use of ultrasound machines are important goals. For that reason, I signed AB 2049 (Nakanishi, Chapter 78, Statutes of 2004) which requires facilities that offer fetal ultrasounds, for keepsake or entertainment purposes, to disclose to clients that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends against the use of ultrasounds for non-medical purposes.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger